



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Economic Analysis

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BE-15: Annual Survey of Foreign Direct Investment in the United States

AGENCY: Bureau of Economic Analysis, Commerce

ACTION: Notice of Reporting Requirements

SUMMARY: By this Notice, the Bureau of Economic Analysis is informing the public that it is conducting the mandatory survey titled BE-15, Annual Survey of Foreign Direct Investment in the United States. This survey is authorized by the International Investment and Trade in Services Survey Act.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

This Notice constitutes legal notification to all United States persons (defined below) who meet the reporting requirements set forth in this Notice that they must respond to, and comply with, the survey. A completed report covering a reporting company's fiscal year ending during the previous calendar year is due by May 31 (or by June 30 for reporting companies that use BEA's eFile system). The BE-15 survey forms and instructions are available on the BEA Web site at www.bea.gov/fdi.

Definitions:

(a) *United States*, when used in a geographic sense, means the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and all territories and possessions of the United States.

(b) *Foreign*, when used in a geographic sense, means that which is situated outside the United States or which belongs to or is characteristic of a country other than the United States.

(c) *Person* means any individual, branch, partnership, associated group, association, estate, trust, corporation, or other organization (whether or not organized under the laws of any State), and any government (including a foreign government, the United States Government, a State or local government, and any agency, corporation, financial institution, or other entity or instrumentality thereof, including a government-sponsored agency).

(d) *Business enterprise* means any organization, association, branch, or venture that exists for profit making purposes or to otherwise secure economic advantage, and any ownership of any real estate.

Who Must Report:

(a) Reports are required from each U.S. business enterprise in which a foreign person has a direct and/or indirect ownership interest of at least 10 percent of the voting stock if an incorporated business enterprise or an equivalent interest if an unincorporated business enterprise and that meets the additional conditions detailed in Form BE-15.

(b) Entities required to report will be contacted individually by the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA). Entities not contacted by BEA have no reporting responsibilities.

Note that there is no BE-15 survey covering fiscal year 2012; operations data on U.S. affiliates of foreign companies for fiscal year 2012 are collected on the BE-12, Benchmark Survey of Foreign Direct Investment in the United States.

What To Report: The survey collects information on the operations of U.S. affiliates of foreign companies.

How To Report: Reports can be filed using BEA's electronic reporting system at www.bea.gov/efile. Copies of the survey forms and instructions, which contain complete information on reporting procedures and definitions, may be obtained at the BEA Web site given above. Form BE-15 inquiries can be made by phone to (202) 606-5615 or by sending an email to be12/15@bea.gov.

When To Report: A completed report covering a reporting company's fiscal year ending during the previous calendar year is due by May 31 (or by June 30 for reporting companies that use BEA's eFile system).

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